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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 4, 2002

PETITION OF

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2001-00220

For Extended Local Service
from Verizon South Inc.'s
Jewell Ridge Exchange to its
Big Prater, Richlands, and
Tazewell Exchanges and to Verizon
Virginia Inc.'s Davenport, Honaker,
and Lebanon Exchanges

FINAL ORDER

On February 22, 2001, telephone customers in Verizon South Inc.'s ("Verizon South") Jewell Ridge Exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for extended local service ("ELS") to Verizon South's Big Prater, Richlands, and Tazewell Exchanges and Verizon Virginia Inc.'s ("Verizon Virginia") Davenport, Honaker, and Lebanon Exchanges.¹ On October 24, 2001, the Commission Staff accepted a cost study from Verizon South that was used to estimate the approximate change in monthly rates that would result from the extension of local calling.

¹ Although the Jewell Ridge Exchange Petitioners included Tazewell and Richlands in their petition, Jewell Ridge has existing ELS with the exchanges of Tazewell and Richlands. Those exchanges were not, therefore, included in the cost study, original ballot, or Order Prescribing Notice and will not, therefore, be addressed in this proceeding.

On February 1, 2002, pursuant to an Order dated November 30, 2001, Verizon South filed the results of the balloting of customers in the Jewell Ridge Exchange regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for the extended local calling referenced herein. Those results favored approval of the ELS.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, a poll of the customers in the Big Prater, Davenport, Honaker, and Lebanon Exchanges was not required because the proposed rate increase for one-party residential customers did not exceed five percent of the existing one-party monthly residential flat rate.

By Order dated June 25, 2002, the Commission directed Verizon South and Verizon Virginia to publish notice of the proposed extension of local service to their customers in the Big Prater, Davenport, Honaker, and Lebanon Exchanges and permit such customers to file comments and requests for hearing. Proofs of notice were filed on July 18, 2002, as required by the above-referenced Order. No comments or requests for hearing were filed.

On September 4, 2002, the Staff filed its report in the above-captioned matter. In that report, the Staff recommended that the Commission approve ELS between Verizon South's Jewell Ridge and Big Prater Exchanges as well as between its Jewell

Ridge Exchange and Verizon Virginia's Davenport, Honaker, and Lebanon Exchanges.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter and applicable law, is of the opinion and finds that the above-captioned petition should be approved as recommended by the Staff.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from Verizon South's Jewell Ridge Exchange to its Big Prater Exchange and from the Jewell Ridge Exchange to Verizon Virginia's Davenport, Honaker, and Lebanon Exchanges shall be implemented.

(2) Verizon South and Verizon Virginia shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extensions of local service.

(3) Since there is nothing further to come before the Commission, this case is dismissed and removed from the Commission's docket of active cases.